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VIENNA FOR SECRETRAY'S PARTY AND AMBASSADOR STOESSEL

1. MIDDLE EAST.

-- CENTRAL PRESS REPORTS WIND-UP OF KOSYGIN'S VISIT TO TUNIS.

--PRAVDA CARRIES TEXT OF SOVIET-TUNISIAN COMMUNIQUE. ON THE MIDDLE EAST BOTH SIDES ENDORSE RENEWAL OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE WITH CAREFUL PREPARATION AND PARTICIPATION BY ALL PARTIES, INCLUDING THE PLO, AS "VERY DESIREABLE." PARTIES STATE THAT ME PEASE MUST BE BASED ON IMPLEMENTATION OF KNOWN UNSC AND UNGA RESOLUTIONS AND MUST INCLUDE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND GUARANTEE OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS, INCLUDING THEIR RIGHT TO CREATE A NATIONAL STATE OF THEIR OWN. PARTIES ALSO AFFIRMED THAT "ANY PARTICAL MEASURES MUST BE A COMPONENT, INSEPARABLE PART OF A

GENERAL SETTLEMENT."

--PRAVDA'S WEEKLY INTERNATIONAL REVIEW CALLS RENEWAL OF THE MEPC

"A DEMAND OF THE TIMES."

2. ASIA

--PRAVDA CARRIES SEVERAL TASS ITEMS FOLLOWING UP YESTERDAY'S

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STORY ABOUT THE CAMBODIAN PROTEST OVER THE

MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT. FROM HANOI TASS REPORTS PRINCE SIHANOUK IN A MESSAGE TO ALGERIAN PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENNE HAS CALLED ON THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE TO CONDEMN U.S. ACTIONS. SAIGON-DATELINED ITEM REPORTS SOUTH VIETNAMESE FOREIGN MINISTER CONDEMNED AMERICAN ACTION AGAINST CAMBODIA. ON U.S. SIDE TASS REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON SECRETARY'S DEFENSE OF AMERICAN'S ACTION AT PRESS CONFERENCE MAY 17, BUT NOTES HE "ADMITTED" SOME OF U.S. MILITARY ACTIONS TOOK PLACE AFTER CAMBODIANS RELEASED MAYAGUEZ AND ITS

CREW. SEPARATE TASS ITEM FROM WASHINGTON REPORTS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCED TOTAL EMBARGO ON TRADE WITH CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIETNAM.

-- ON THAI-U.S. RELATIONS TASS REPORTS SECRETARY SAID AMERICAN ACTIONS

DURING MAYAGUEZ AFFAIR BROUGHT STRAIN TO AMERICAN-THAI RELATIONSHIP AND THAT HE EXPRESSED REGRET ABOUT U.S. MOVES TO BANGKOK. SEPARATE BAGKOK-DATELINE TASS STORY REPORTS THAI FOREIGN MINISTER REJECTED THE SECRETARY'S EXPLANATION ABOUT AMERICAN USE OF THAI BASES AND CITES HIM THAT THE THAI GOVERNMENT WILL DEMAND A REVIEW OF U.S.-THAI AGREEMENTS.

--IZVETIYA COMMENTARY ON PRC-EUROPEAN RELATIONS CHARGES PEKING'S RELIANCE ON EUROPEAN REACTIONARY CIRCLES AND ITS FLIRTATIONS WITH NATO REVEAL THE ANTI-POPULAR NATURE OF THE MAOIST FOREIGN POLICY. PRAVDA'S WEEKLY INTERNATIONAL REVIEW ALSO STRONGLY ATTACKED TENG HSIAO-PING'S PERFORMANCE IN EUROPE.

--PRAVDA CARRIES A STRONG ATTACK ON LEADER OF JAPAN'S SOCIALIST PARTY TOMOMI NARITA FOR HIS ALLEGED SINGLE-HANDED REVISION OF HIS PARTY'S LINE DURING A RECENT VISIT TO PEKING. ACCORDING TO PRAVDA NARITA, UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE CHINESE, SIGNED AN "ANTI-SOVIET COMMUNIQUE CONTRADICTING THE COURSE OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF JAPAN."

(TASS ENGLISH WIRE CARRIES FULL TEXT OF ARTICLE MAY 18)

3. BILATERAL.

--PRAVDA'S WEEKLY INTERNATIONAL REVIEW IS MARKEDLY UPBEAT ON U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS. REVIEWER I. BIRYUKOV REPLAYS CLAIM THAT THE END TO THE VIETNAM WAR CREATES CONDITIONS FOR THE FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION. BIRYUKOV THEN REAFFIRMS THE USST'S COMMITMENT TO DO EVERYTHING IT CAN TO IMPROVE U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS, AND STRESSES THAT "BOTH SIDES" ARE WORKING

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TO RAISE RELATIONS TO A NEW LEVEL AND TO BRING ABOUT A NEW SALT AGREEMENT. REVIEWER CITES AT LENGTH THE SECRETARY'S MAY 13 DEFENSE OF IMPROVED SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS AS SERVING THE INTERESTS OF BOTH PARTIES AND DEVOTES A FULL PARAGRAPH TO QUOTING THE SECRETARY DIRECTLY ON THE IMPORTANCE OF A NEW SALT AGREEMENT BASED ON THE VLADIVOSTOK ACCORD. ON THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH GROMYKO BIRYUKOV AVOIDS DETAILS BUT SAYS THAT EFFORTS AT SUCH MEETING BY THE U.S. AND USSR CALL FORTH IMPORTANT RESULTS OF

AN INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER. ON THE ECONOMIC SIDE BIRYUKOV
NOTES THAT THE CONFERENCE ON EAST-WEST TRADE MAY 11 STRONGLY ENDORSED
FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET-AMERICAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS; REVIEWER
NOTES THAT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE CALLED ON CONGRESS TO REVIEW QUICKLY
THE RESTRAINTS ON TRADE WITH THE USSR. BIRYUKOV CONCLUDES WITH
A BROAD ATTACK ON RECENT U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT EDITORIAL WHICH
CHARGED THAT DETENTE IS A ONE-SIDED AFFAIR.
-- PRAVDA CARRIES TASS REPORTS FROM BOSTON AND LENINGRAD ABOUT THE
CONCLUSION OF SOVIET AND AMERICAN SHIP VISITS. BOTH ITEMS FOCUS
ON EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION BY THE VISITORS FOR THE WARM
WELCOMES RECEIVED FROM HOST PORT CITIES.
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